

JFG Rebuttal Exhibit 5

John Guastella

From: Longshore, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:32 PM
To: John Guastella
Subject: Re: Attendees at August 12, 2014 Enforcement Conference

Thank you for the kind words, John. Y'all have been a pleasure to work with; I've been kept in the loop on everything that has been going on, and we don't always get that level of communication...

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From: John Guastella <jfg@guastella.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:06 PM
To: Longshore, Mike
Subject: RE: Attendees at August 12, 2014 Enforcement Conference

Hi Mike,

Thank you for such a quick response, and your well wishes. You are right on the mark regarding adequate rates so we can keep our operations up to standards. If you had a chance to read the capital improvement report we sent to you, you know the challenges we have faced, and your cooperation, understanding and patience has been a key factor in our progress. I acknowledged your guidance in that report and I repeat our appreciation to you and your staff, who to a person have been professional and at the same time with a friendly approach. My Mike was very impressed with you as well, and motivated to keep in compliance with all requirements and provide the best possible service to our customers.

Best wishes,
John

From: Longshore, Mike [mailto:LONGSHHM@dhec.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:46 PM
To: jfg@guastella.com
Subject: Attendees at August 12, 2014 Enforcement Conference

John,

On August 12, 2014, the Department met with Mr. Mike Guastella, representing Daufuskie Island Utility Company (DIUC), regarding conditions, alleged violations and inspection results at and for wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by DIUC. In attendance, in addition to Mr. Guastella, were Ms. Penny Cornett of the DHEC Low Country (Beaufort) Office and me. If necessary, I can scan a copy of the Conference Register and send it to you.

We would like to thank Guastella Associates for your attention, cooperation and assistance in addressing long-standing issues and violations at these facilities. The upgrades you have made, and continue to make, will serve both the utility and its customers well. We wish you success in your proposed rate increase, as that will assist the utility in remaining viable and effective in its mission to serve its customers and protect South Carolina's environment. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

With kindest regards,

Mike

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